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A UNIFORM RELIGION COULD BE HAD

(By Associated Press)
St. Louis, Oct. 17.—A uniform world religion could be established by all the denominational churches by returning the forms of ritual dogma, as in Apostolic times, is the opinion of members of the Disciples of Christ, it was expressed at the symposium here.

FREE THINKERS IN RUSSIA THREATENED WITH EXILE

(By Associated Press)
Moscow, Oct. 17.—The Soviet government's recent action in exiling abroad or to Northern Russia many educators, publicists and professional men who were unable to reconcile themselves to the soviet regime, came like a bolt out of the blue and has left thousands of others of the "intelligentsia" wondering if their turn will come next.

For many months, since the development of free trade and the recreation of a class of rich speculators, it has been evident both to opponents of the government and to the communists themselves, that thousands of Russians were beginning to forget they were in the hands of a proletarian dictatorship, and were beginning to become as "bourgeoisie" as ever.

Thinking that the new freedom of trade might mean freedom of politics also, scores of college professors and some organizations of professional men began to talk, write and think freely again. The more timid did this secretly, while some plucked up enough courage to lampoon the government's activities openly in pamphlets and in the class room. One group of college professors even dared to strike—and strikers usually bring prompt punishment in Russia.

Premier Lenin openly announced last spring, that the retreat toward capitalism had reached its limits, and both the Genoa and Hague conferences established that the Soviet Government was standing pat on the main principles of the proletarian dictatorship, even if it was inclined to make individual concessions to capitalists or foreign governments here and there.

Within Russia, however, such leeway continued to be allowed to speculators. Gambling casinos were opened, racing flourished, and so many new commercial undertakings were launched that very few Russians realized that the communist party had determined absolutely that the pendulum, having swung so far to the right, now had to be swung back to the left until the Soviet clock kept proper Bolshevik time.

Communists explain so long as efforts of individuals, however profitable to themselves, continue to be immediately or potentially advantageous to the government in its scheme of reconstructing Russia, these individuals are to be given wide scope in freedom from interference. But when the work of the individual does not fit into this general scheme, or when an individual works against the government, then his activities are to be cut short and the offender punished.

The recent decrees of exile says the newspaper Pravda, are only the first warnings to the intellectuals who remain. The Soviet government will, as in the past, value highly the support of those representatives of the "intelligentsia" who will loyally work with the government, as the better part of the specialists do now, but it will, as before, root out every attempt to utilize the legal possibilities for an open or secret struggle against the government and for the restoration of a "bourgeoisie regime."

"There is no hope for a return to the past," The Pravda warns

San Francisco Gets Next Legion Convention

248 1-2 MILES AN HOUR NEW FLYING RECORD

(By Associated Press)
Mount Clemens, Mich., Oct. 17.—Aeronautical engineers and army and navy experts came here a week ago prepared for surprise, but none expected to see a human being plunge through space at the rate of nearly 400 feet a second. Lieutenant R. L. Maughan traveled one kilometer at the rate of 248.5 miles an hour, a new record.

20 COMMUNISTS ARRESTED TODAY

(By Associated Press)
St. Joseph, Mich., Oct. 17.—Twenty alleged communists, charged with plotting to overthrow the United States Government by force, were arraigned for the first test of the anti-syndicalism law, a war time measure.

CARTHAGE RUINS DISCLOSE INFANT SACRIFICE OF ANCIENTS

(By Associated Press)
London, Oct. 16.—Scientists searching in the ruins of Carthage, in Northern Africa, have torn the veils from the insoluble mysteries which 2,000 years ago attended the worship of the Goddess Astarte. Astarte was associated with Baal as the chief deity of the ancient Phoenicians, of which race the Carthaginians were one of the most important branches.

The scientists have discovered sacrificial vaults in the inner sanctuary of the Temple of Astarte, each of which contains the charred bones of thousands of infants ranging from newborn babes to babes of one or two years old. The piles of bones are fifteen feet deep. They believe they have found one of the temples where the secret rites of human sacrifice to Astarte were practised from the seventh century before the Christian era until the days when the Romans conquered and destroyed Carthage and forbade further sacrifices.

Astarte is always represented as a tall stern-faced woman, standing upright and clutching in the left arm an infant child. In the old rite Phoenicians offered newborn children to Astarte, and the bones of older children which the scientists have now found are probably accounted for by the fact that families afflicted by illness or misfortune sought to appease her anger by sacrificing all their children.

COLONEL B. K. ASHFORD, GETS WAR MEDAL

(By Associated Press)
San Juan, P. R., Oct. 16.—With the 65th Infantry ordered out for the occasion at the direction of President Harding, Col. Bailey K. Ashford, medical corps, United States Army, was presented recently with the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service," in France.

This is the first time that the Distinguished Service Medal has been presented in Porto Rico.

"BELGIUM WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT AMERICA DID," SAID M. JEANNE. "NEITHER WILL SHE EVER FORGET WHAT GERMANY DID."

(By Associated Press)
New Orleans, Oct. 17.—San Francisco was awarded the 1923 Convention of the American Legion by acclamation. "Belgium will never forget what America did," said M. Jeanne, President of the Belgian Veterans. "Neither will she ever forget what the Germans did, and Germany must pay for the damages inflicted during its occupation, not as a vengeance, but as simple justice."

UNBROKEN LINE OF MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(By Associated Press)
Adrianople, Oct. 17.—Thirty thousand Greeks and Armenians have passed from this city to the West since Saturday. The road between here and Maritza river is an unbroken line of men, women and children, oxcarts, camels and cattle.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET

October	22.72
December	23.03
January	22.89
March	23.02
May	22.98
July	22.73

YESTERDAY'S MARKET

October	22.20
December	22.42
January	22.30
March	22.42
May	22.35

HOUDINI FINDS DANGERS IN PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

(By Associated Press)
Boston, Oct. 17.—Morbidness and melancholia induced by interest in psychic phenomena threaten the health and sanity of many persons in the opinion of Harry Houdini, president of the Society of American Magicians, expressed at the annual dinner of the society here. He spoke of his 25 years' investigation of the subject, and said he had never seen anything to convince him that there had been a single communication from the dead.

"I have never seen any of the medium or spiritualists do anything or produce a single effect which I could not, through my knowledge of magic, account for or duplicate," he asserted. "I have had nine pacts with the dead, who while alive agreed with me to try to communicate with me from beyond, but each has been fruitless."

He said he had worked with Sir Oliver Lodge and other scientists engaged in the study of psychic phenomena and respected them.

"But," he added, "when I demonstrate to them the secrets and reveal the methods used by mediums and they tell me that I too am a medium, in spite of myself, I am forced to conclude that they merely do not know."

"I have seen people who previous to the war, never concerned themselves with things psychic now delving into it to the point of hysteria. It is conducive of morbidness, brooding and melancholia. It becomes an obsession very quickly and I would warn against it. It is threatening the health and sanity of those who indulge in it."

TESTIMONY INTRODUCED AT RATE HEARING

(By Associated Press)
Asheville, N. C., Oct. 17.—The testimony relating to North Carolina and Virginia freight rates has continued to be introduced at the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing on rate classifications in the South.

CASTING BALLOTS IN SPITE OF RAIN

(By Associated Press)
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 17.—Under cloudy skies and the rain falling in several sections, the Georgia voters are casting their ballots in the special Democratic Primary to nominate a successor to the late United States Senator Watson.

GERMAN WOMAN WINNER IN TELEGRAPHIC COMPETITION

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, Oct. 16.—Sending 2,888 words an hour on a Siemens printer, Erna Bansenmer, of Breslau, won the speed championship of an international telegraphic competition held here recently. The second prize also went to a German woman.

Of seventy-two prizes offered, German contestants captured more than a third. The chief awards fell to competitors of the various nationalities as follows: To Italians for the Morse apparatus; to Germans for the Hughes, the Siemens, and for radio; to Spanish for the Baudot, and to Danish for the Wheatstone. Oskar Schindler, of Vienna, won the master-telegraphist trophy for being a prize-winner on three different types of apparatus. The award consisted of a large silver urn offered by the president of Germany.

The contests were held under the auspices of the German postal administration. State Secretary Bredow, addressing the assembly gathered to witness the award of prizes, eulogized Heinrich von Stephan, Germany's first postmaster-general, as founder of the world postal union. Doctor Bredow also declared it was Germany who aroused worldwide interest in wireless telegraphy by summoning the first international convention for radio in Berlin in 1903.

GOMPERS SPEAKS AT CONVENTION OF LEGIONS

(By Associated Press)
New Orleans, Oct. 17.—The American Legion in the National Convention heard Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, tell of labor's aims and aspirations and what it believes its rights and duties are. Mr. Gompers and Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Supreme Commissioner of Baseball, received a noisy welcome from the "buddies" when they entered the Convention hall.

MRS. HALL AND BRO. BROUGHT INTO COURT

(By Associated Press)
New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Frances Hall and her eccentric brother, Willie Stevens, were brought into the court house by detectives for further examination by the authorities investigating the murder of Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

VENIZELUS DECLINES TO DISCUSS REPORTS

(By Associated Press)
London, Oct. 17.—Former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, declined to discuss reports from Athens that a republican movement was on foot in Greece with the object of making Venizelos president. He declared he irrevocably determined to retire to private life as soon as the Turkish Peace Treaty is signed.

EVANGELIST ESCAPES FROM JAIL

(By Associated Press)
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 17.—Herbert Wilson, former evangelist, convicted of the murder of Herbert Cox who attempted to break jail several months ago, escaped from the county jail with two other prisoners.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Mostly cloudy and cooler tonight and Wednesday. Probably showers in east and south portion. Moderate to fresh northwest, shifting to north and northeast, winds.

SCHOOL CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA SHOWS LITTLE IMPROVEMENT

(By Associated Press)
Moscow, Oct. 16.—Russian children have started a new school year with little prospect of better conditions than they endured during the revolution.

In the Siberian district the indebtedness of the government to the teachers for salaries has reached the sum of over 85,000,000,000 rubles, says a recent report to the district Soviet. This is a mere fraction of the total amount due to instructors in salaries. In some districts teachers have not been paid for many months, and the officials have even ceased to keep account of the arrears.

The lot of Russian school teachers has been a hard one. In the villages they have been somewhat better cared for than in the cities because the peasants have taxed themselves to contribute to the necessary expenses; have themselves cut wood for the school fuel, and have prepared many school houses. In the cities the schools have been left to governmental care. As a result of these conditions many teachers are turning to other means of earning a living.

The plan of the Communists for a free and unified school system is having hard sledding. Decree has been passed forbidding the collection of fees from parents for their children's education, but local school authorities from time to time make "assessments" upon parents for the various expenses involved in maintaining the schools.

ARMY DIRIGIBLE AFIRE AT SAN ANTONIO

(By Associated Press)
San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 17.—The army dirigible C-2, which recently completed a transcontinental flight and had reached San Antonio on its way back to Washington, when it was completely destroyed by fire while preparing for a flight over the city. Several members of the crew were hurt, one seriously.

LIEUT. BELL KILLED IN AIRPLANE FALL

(By Associated Press)
San Antonio, Oct. 17.—Lieutenant Walter Bell, twenty-seven years old, was crushed to death today, when his airplane fell five hundred feet, near here.

FEDERAL LAND BANKS EXTENDED TO PORTORICO

(By Associated Press)
San Juan, P. R., Oct. 16.—Extension to Porto Rico of the Federal Land Bank, authorized by Congress almost two years ago, has been accomplished by the opening in San Juan of a branch of the Baltimore Land Bank, after several months of preparation with Ernest H. Thomas, of Rushville, Ind., in charge.

Slight modifications in the law to make it applicable to Porto Rico have been made, and already there are many indications that the small farmers of the island are preparing to avail themselves of the long-time loans offered by the bank. The maximum amount that may be borrowed here is \$5,000 just half the maximum in the United States, but inquiries indicate that the average application for loans will not exceed \$2,000. The interest rate fixed for the island is six percent. At a recent meeting of farmers a speaker asked those who were paying two percent per month to hold up their hands, and the number of hands raised was large.

Representatives authorized to accept applications for loans have been named in the seven towns of the island where there are registries of property.

COMMUNISTS FURTHER RECOGNIZE PRIVATE CAPITAL

(By Associated Press)
Moscow, Oct. 17.—Private interests in Russia has received further recognition by the Communists. The government has granted permission to private persons to participate by their capital, in the organization of a Trade and Industrial Bank.

The institution which is now being organized and will begin its operations in November will be a private limited company. Fifty one per cent of the shares are assigned to the founders, the Supreme Economic Council, while the remainder will be covered by public subscriptions by the trusts and syndicates, and private persons.

The new bank is going to finance industry and transport on a broad, commercial basis. Private capital is not only allowed to participate, but guarantee is given to place its representatives on the board of directors of the bank.